GGN LEGAL AND POLICIES · L06 · SOMATIC CERTIFICATION

Somatic Certification Student Enrollment Agreement

Updated and harmonized enrollment agreement for the practitioner certification program.

Template for review by a licensed attorney before use. This is a GGN template, not legal advice. Bracketed items such as [GGN LEGAL ENTITY NAME] must be completed. Laws differ by state and country.

Issued by	[GGN LEGAL ENTITY NAME], doing business as The Global Grief Network
Applies to	GGN Certified Somatic Grief Support Practitioner (GGN-CSGSP) program
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Governing law	[GOVERNING STATE: Colorado, placeholder because GGN is based in Fort Collins, Colorado; attorney to confirm]
Version	1.0 (GGN Legal and Policies set, October 2026)

Updated version. Checked against the existing GGN Program Enrollment Agreement and harmonized with the center-wide set: wording about licensed professions updated, continuing education language aligned with the Continuing Education Disclaimer, refunds point to the center-wide Refund and Cancellation Policy, directory terms point to the Practitioner Directory Listing Terms, prices are placeholders, and governing law defaults to a Colorado placeholder. Replaces GGN_Program_Enrollment_Agreement.

1. Parties

Student full legal name	
Preferred name	
Email	
Phone	
Mailing address	
Cohort or start date	

This Agreement is between the Student and [GGN LEGAL ENTITY NAME], doing business as The Global Grief Network ("GGN"), [GGN MAILING ADDRESS].

2. The program

The GGN Certified Somatic Grief Support Practitioner program is a Global Grief Network program of twelve online modules, a supervised practicum, and a capstone assessment, as described in the

Program Handbook. GGN may update content, schedules, instructors, and delivery methods to keep the program current and will tell students about material changes in writing.

3. What the credential is and is not

- The GGN-CSGSP credential is a professional development certificate issued by GGN. It is not a state or national license.
- It does not authorize practicing any licensed profession, such as counseling, psychology, social work, medicine, nursing, massage, or bodywork, and it does not authorize providing mental health treatment.
- Completion does not guarantee employment, income, clients, or eligibility for any license.
- GGN does not currently hold continuing education (CE) approval from any professional board or accrediting body. See the GGN Continuing Education Disclaimer.
- Licensed students may use what they learn only within the scope of their own license.

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4. Eligibility

The Student is at least 18, meets the prerequisites listed in the Program Handbook, has the required technology, and has given accurate application information.

5. Tuition, fees, and refunds

Tuition: [PRICE: set by GGN in Stripe]. Certification, retake, and renewal fees: [PRICE: set by GGN in Stripe]. Payment plans follow the terms shown at checkout. Cancellations and refunds follow the GGN Refund and Cancellation Policy, including any cooling off period required where the Student lives.

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6. Completion requirements

To earn the credential, the Student must meet every requirement in the Program Handbook, including modules, live lab attendance, quiz scores, logged and supervisor-signed practicum hours, the final assessment, and signing the GGN Code of Ethics and Scope of Practice. Certificates are issued by GGN and signed by Tony Lynch, Founder. Renewal follows the Handbook and the Certificate Verification and Revocation Policy.

7. Practicum responsibilities

- Work only with adult volunteer clients who are not in crisis and who sign the GGN Somatic Grief Support Client Informed Consent and Release, including the trainee disclosure.
- Do not charge practicum clients.
- Work within the GGN Scope of Practice and follow the GGN crisis protocol taught in the program.
- Store any recordings securely, use them only for supervision, and delete them after review.
- Report any safety concern to the supervisor the same day.

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8. Ethics, titles, and directory

The Student will follow the GGN Code of Ethics and Scope of Practice, use the credential name exactly as authorized, and never use titles or claims that suggest a license, clinical care, or treatment. Listing in the GGN Practitioner Directory is optional and follows the GGN Practitioner Directory Listing Terms.

9. Student wellbeing

Course content involves grief, trauma, and suicide. The Student may pause or step away. The program is education, not mental health care for the Student. In a crisis the Student will call or text 988 in the United States, call 911 in an emergency, or contact local services elsewhere.

10. Confidentiality and class recordings

The Student will keep classmates', instructors', and practice clients' personal information confidential. Live sessions may be recorded for enrolled students only, and recordings may not be downloaded or shared. The Student may keep their camera off during personal sharing.

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11. Intellectual property

Program materials are owned by GGN or its licensors. GGN grants the Student a personal, non-transferable license to use them for their own learning and, after certification, to use GGN practice scripts and the GGN Grief Practitioner Toolkit with their own clients under the Practitioner Toolkit License. The Student may not copy, resell, publish, or teach the materials without written permission.

12. Conduct, dismissal, and appeals

GGN may suspend or dismiss a Student for academic dishonesty, harassment, discrimination, breach of confidentiality, unsafe practice, or ethics violations, after written notice. The Student may appeal in writing within 30 days. Refunds on dismissal follow the Refund and Cancellation Policy.

13. Accommodations, nondiscrimination, privacy

GGN does not discriminate and provides reasonable accommodations on request (see the Accessibility Statement). GGN handles Student information under the GGN Privacy Policy and the Somatic Privacy and Data Protection Policy.

14. Independent practice, insurance, and indemnity

After certification the Student practices independently and is not an employee, agent, or partner of GGN. The Student is responsible for following all laws where they and their clients are located, including title, practice, business, privacy, and mandated reporting laws, and is strongly encouraged to carry professional liability insurance. To the fullest extent the law allows, the Student will indemnify GGN against third party claims arising from the Student's own practice or breach of this Agreement.

[Attorney: confirm how Colorado mental health practice laws, and similar laws elsewhere, apply to non-clinical grief support.]

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15. Assumption of risk and release

The Student takes part voluntarily, including in somatic practices. To the fullest extent the law allows, the Student releases GGN, its founder, officers, staff, instructors, supervisors, and affiliates from claims arising from participation, except claims arising from gross negligence, willful misconduct, or anything that cannot be released by law. GGN's total liability is limited to the amount the Student paid for the program. [Attorney: confirm enforceability.]

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Governing law. These terms are governed by the laws of [GOVERNING STATE: Colorado, placeholder because GGN is based in Fort Collins, Colorado; attorney to confirm], without regard to conflict of law rules, except where the law of your place of residence gives you protections that cannot be waived.

Changes. GGN may update this document. The "Last updated" date shows the current version. Material changes will be posted on the GGN website or sent to enrolled learners before they take effect.

Contact. [GGN LEGAL ENTITY NAME], doing business as The Global Grief Network, [GGN MAILING ADDRESS]. Email [GGN CONTACT EMAIL]. Website thglobalgriefnetwork.com. Signed for GGN by Tony Lynch, Founder.

Entire agreement and signatures. This Agreement, the Program Handbook, and the terms shown at checkout are the entire agreement. Electronic signatures have the same effect as originals.

STUDENT

Signature	
Printed name	
Date	

FOR THE GLOBAL GRIEF NETWORK

Signature	
Name and title	Tony Lynch, Founder
Date	

Electronic signatures and copies have the same effect as originals. In the fillable PDF, typing your full name in the Signature box is your electronic signature. [Attorney: confirm e-signature process.]

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